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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner the following information.

The following documents were cited in an International Search Report with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2005/000989, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report has been filed concurrently with the present application and should thus have been brought to the attention of the Examiner.

- (1) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-167251 A;
- (2) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 9-167165 A, along with patent family members European Patent Publication No. EP 0 779 587 A2 and U.S. Patent No. 5,890,137;

- (3) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-263681 A;
- (4) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 4-264972 A;
- (5) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-108875 A;
- (6) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-331182 A; and
- (7) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-243221 A.

The relevance of the documents cited in the International Search Report, as ascertained with respect to the International claims by the International Examiner, is set forth in the International Search Report.

Applicants further submit the following documents:

- (8) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-307137 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited beginning at page 1 of the specification of the above-captioned application; and
- (9) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-125894 A, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

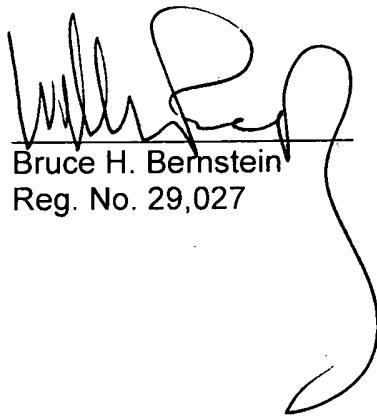
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material

and cite the same. Copies of above-noted documents (8) and (9), including the noted English language Abstracts, are attached hereto, and all of the above-noted documents are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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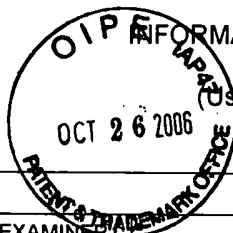


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1	English Language Abstract of JP 2001-307137.
2	English Language Abstract of JP 2001-125894.

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